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Benjamin Leo is CEO and Co-Founder of Fraym. Fraym is a geospatial technology company with a mission of mapping humanity. Leo is a recognized expert in development policy, development finance, geostatistics, and African economic and security issues. Prior to Fraym, Leo served as a Senior Fellow at the Center for Global Development. His work focused on the intersection of survey methods, high frequency data, and public policy research. This included work that contributed directly to the Electrify Africa Act of 2016 and the BUILD Act of 2018. Previously, he served at the U.S. Treasury Department and at the White House where he advised the President on central, eastern, and southern African nations and helped to architect several major U.S. government initiatives, including the Multilateral Debt Relief Initiative and the advance market commitment (AMC) for a pneumococcal vaccine.

Leo has produced over 30 research publications and his work has been cited in numerous major media outlets such as the Washington Post, Wall Street Journal, New York Times, Financial Times, Forbes, and USA Today. He has master's degrees in economics and international relations from the Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs at Syracuse University.

Leo resides in Virginia with his wife and two daughters.